

Student council elects puppet editor

GATEWAY GOES ON STRIKE

Comment

In the course of this academic year, I have limited my activities with the Gateway almost solely to the writing and lay-out of sports pages. Some may even recognize me as your friendly long-winded hockey reporter. Partly through lack of adequate knowledge, partly through lack of personal interest, and partly on account of my personal views which tend to differ from many of other Gateway staffers, I have not concerned myself with any of the numerous issues with various political overtones which the paper has become embroiled in. However, the time has come when even I must rouse myself from my apathetic stupor and take a stand.

The Gateway, be it a good newspaper or a bad one, is simply the cumulative product of the efforts of a small number of people who are interested enough to put innumerable hours of their own free time into it. Anyone can work for the Gateway; all they have to do is to walk in and get involved in talking, researching, writing, helping with lay-out, or whatever. We even pay typists! All the policy decisions which the Gateway makes are arrived at through a democratic vote by all such staffers after due debate and consideration. They may be right or they may be wrong, but they are democratic and they come from within our own informal organization.

One of the most important of these decisions is the selection of a new editor for the coming year. Tradition has always had it that the name of our newly elected chief is passed on to Students' Council for perfunctory ratification in accordance with the provisions of the Students' Union by-laws.

But last night, for the first time in anyone's knowledge Student Council refused to recognize the Gateway staffer's own choice for editor-in-chief and instead instituted a person of their own choosing. The Gateway's elected pick, Ron Yakimchuk, has worked for the campus newspaper since 1966 and served with distinction this year as Lay-Out Editor. A very experienced young man, well liked by his fellow staffers, Ron won our nomination for the editorship with a 75% majority of the votes, over three other candidates. The Student's Union appointee, Mrs. Michail Jackson (I'm told her friends call her Terri) failed to work a single hour or write a single article for the Gateway in this or any other year, nor has she spent a sociable minute inside our doors meeting people and making friends. But she did stomp in one day to declare her candidacy for the editorship. In the questioning of candidates that took place during a special Gateway meeting attended by nearly all staffers, she so alienated everyone with her lack of knowledge and personal arrogance that not one person felt they could work with or for her in the coming year. Yet as of April 1 of this year we have been told that she is to be our editor-in-chief.

Thus on the basis of the argument in principle that the Gateway is a democratically run product of those individuals who are concerned enough to put their time and effort into producing an issue every Tuesday and Thursday and have the right to elect their own leader, and on the basis of the practical argument that Ron Yakimchuk is infinitely more qualified than an absolute stranger and political tool, which Students' Council has imposed on us, I must join with my fellow Gateway staffers in striking on Ron Yakimchuk's behalf.

It's an unfortunate situation, because the Golden Bears hockey team deserves the publicity they normally get in our pages. They have a hell of a good team and stand a good chance of representing Western Canada in the Canadian intercollegiate championships. They won a pair of important games over the weekend and I thought I had a reasonably good story written about it. Also, the Golden Bear volleyball team is hosting the WCIAA Championships this weekend and they deserve some promotion. However, I have no doubt that Coach Drake and his pucksters and Coach Saivula and his volleyballers will understand our situation without difficulty. Surely they wouldn't dig Students' Council telling them who will captain their teams next year. Especially if that person had not only never played a game, but also hadn't even tried out for the team.

I hope the reader can also understand equally well. The responsibility for the decision to arbitrarily replace our own democratically elected choice with one of their own favorites lies with Students' Union President Don McKenzie and his Executive henchmen Dave Biltek, Doug Black, Vera Radio, ad nauseum. This is the same Executive whose personal powertripping lacks parallels in recent S.U. history and whose myopic financial policy has threatened the very existence of the Gateway, Student Radio—CKSR, the Students' Union Art Gallery and Music Listening Room, and other vital student facilities. The reader may have noticed that the same Messers Biltek and Black are currently running for the two most prominent positions on the next year's Students' Union Executive. A vote cast for them is a vote cast in ignorance (they do have artsy posters).

Stu Layfield

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The Gateway staff is on strike.

They will remain on strike until the council reverses last night's decision to select Ms. Terri Jackson as next year's Gateway editor.

Ms. Jackson was the recommendation of the Personnel Board, even though the Gateway staff last week voted 43 votes to nothing against her.

At a staff meeting two weeks ago, the four candidates for editor were questioned by Personnel Board and the Gateway staff. Following that the staff democratically voted in favour of Ron Yakimchuk and submitted his name to Personnel Board.

At Monday night's council meeting Personnel Board brought forth the name of Ms. Terri Jackson for Gateway editor. Council went along with the Personnel Board recommendations. This despite the fact that for at least the last fifteen years the Gateway editor has been the Gateway recommendation to Personnel Board. Perhaps there were warnings in the air, however.

At the council meeting one week ago Personnel Board chairman and SU Secretary Vera Radio disclosed that the Board had not yet made a decision on the Gateway editor and would not until it had taken into the consideration the wishes of the Gateway staff. Temporary chairman Charles Starko said, "Because Personnel Board has certain limitations and we're not all avid journalists we will listen to the responses of applicants and will also take into consideration the wishes of the Gateway staff, as they will be the people working with the new editor."

"When Law rep Gerry Riskin asked exactly how important the wishes of the Gateway staff were to Personnel Board recommendations, Radio replied, 'You'll find out at next Monday's meeting.'"

"You are unable to answer the question then," persisted Riskin.

"Yes, I am," said Starko.

The Gateway staff is striking because it feels that council has apparently thought so little of the staff's knowledge of the newspaper that it arbitrarily decided last night to choose Ms. Jackson. At the same time the staff feels that it can not work with the new editor. Ms. Jackson made it abundantly clear at the screening session that the present staff would not be welcome if she was the editor.

Following the council meeting SU Treasurer Frans Slatter came down to the office and told the staff, "Apparently the plan went according to schedule. You should have voted for her, they might have chosen someone else. It might sound stupid, but that's the way it happens with people on this council."

Editorial

Individual reactions on the part of as many staffers as were available for comment after Council saw fit to ignore our overwhelming endorsement of Ron Yakimchuk to appoint Terri Jackson as Gateway Editor for next year appear elsewhere in this issue: however, the general position of the Gateway Staff on the subject is as follows:

1. The democratic principle of the Gateway has been that any student on campus is welcome to come in and work with us. Putting out a newspaper is hard work, requires long hours, and in return for their efforts staffers are given every opportunity to influence and direct Gateway editorial policy. We feel that the appointment of a complete stranger as Editor violates this principle: Terri Jackson never set foot in the Gateway office until last month, and she has been on the campus three years.

2. Not within recent memory has the Council over-ruled a staff choice as Editor. This only makes sense, since the staff continuity necessary to ensure that enough competent staffers return from year to year will only occur if the returning staffers know and respect the new Editor.

3. Ron Yakimchuk, who was the candidate receiving two-thirds of the staff vote this year, is politically "middle-of-the-road" and is easily the best-qualified candidate for the job. Unlike Ms. Jackson, whose qualifications are entirely self-proclaimed and unsupported by any examples of her work, Ron has been active in Gateway in a number of positions since 1966. He knows this campus well, and has served on a number of student committees, including GFC, the SU Opportunities for Youth project (the study of Student government for which certain of the present candidates are taking credit, and is conversant with all aspects of Gateway production, from news-writing to layout.

4. Dave Biltek, one of the candidates who is running for President this year, had the following comment to make about Gateway plans to resist the imposition of a foreigner as Editor: "If you guys want to play dirty, you're playing against an expert." Right on' Dave ... But isn't it a bit obvious? You expect to win this election. The Gateway had been a thorn in the side of an inefficient, whishy-washy Student's Council this year, and you want to make sure that the Gateway is in no position to criticize your actions next year. The best way to do this is to appoint someone who will have a hard time getting a paper together, due to her inexperience and the fact that most of the staff will refuse to work for her. In playing a petty power game, "getting even" with the Gateway, the outgoing council is looking out for one of its own, since Biltek has been the power behind the McKenzie throne all year.

5. But the real losers are going to be the students. Ms. Jackson and her "group of friends" will have fun trying to put out a two page information sheet once a week; council will be able to do what they please with our money and our building, since Terri is unlikely to bite the hand that literally fed her her job, and the students will have to way of knowing what is going on. Today room 626—tomorrow the whole damn building.

6. We would like to apologize to the student body for the fact that we are not printing news as such in this issue of the Gateway. We should also stress that we have no particular issue with Ms. Jackson personally, though it is hard to remain neutral about one who is so obviously opportunist. However, in the light of her choice as Gateway editor, we suggest that Council has no alternative but to call for a reconvening of the meeting at which her selection was made, and that an open meeting be held wherein all views may be made public, those of the present Gateway staff and the Personnel Board as well. We suggest that at the Wednesday election Forum the Question of the Gateway Editor be thoroughly discussed.

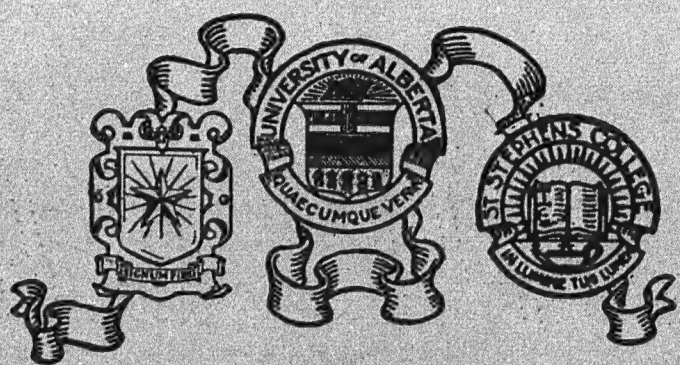
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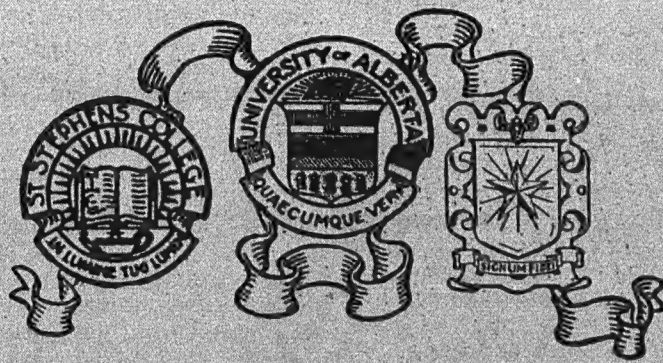
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For several years it has been a tradition on this university that the Gateway staff elect their own chief editor, the student council usually ratifies this election as a matter of course. This year, student council has seen fit to overrule the judgement of the staff and railroad an editor of their own choosing into the position. Since the Gateway has always prided themselves on running a newspaper on a democratic and co-operative basis, with each member of the staff having a vote in every policy decision, we feel that we have the right to elect our own editor. With this in mind the staff at a recent meeting decided to oppose any move on council's part to elect their own candidate whom we feel has no relevant experience in running a student newspaper and holds such biased and reactionary views about the Gateway that she can do nothing except turn the Gateway into a sop sheet for council on the level of a high school administration rag.

The Gateway is on strike and will remain that way until our own elected editor is ratified by council. We call for strong vigorous support from you the students.

Rick Grant,
Feature editor (on strike)

As a volunteer staffer of the Gateway I feel it an outrage that the Personnel Board who, by their actions tonight have proved that they know nothing of the qualifications which the Gateway editor must possess, should transgress the opinion of the Gateway staff by recommending Terri Jackson for next year's editor.

Because of their action I consider that the only course of action left open to us is to STRIKE.

Colette Forest

Dear Ron,

In the light of council's action last night, I feel that I can no longer continue in my capacity as sports editor.

I have the utmost respect for your abilities, and my decision comes because of the selection of what I consider to be an incompetent for the position of Gateway editor.

I am appalled at the idea of council making a decision strictly on a revenge motive rather than on qualifications. Their actions can only be considered as petty and childish, something I had not really expected from them.

It's a case of council stabbing themselves in the groin in order to get rid of a thorn in their side, and it's pretty frightening.

I will return to my desk when and if council condescends to consider the opinion, as reflected in the Gateway staff vote, of those closest to this paper.

Ron Ternoway

All hail ye true believers there has arisen anew the flame of suppression passed from faltering hands to the true north. Think I therefore to pursue it here and pay homage. Long live our new potentate, crusher of rabbleous men and foaming priests, Ms. M. Jackson. Long may I meditate upon her righteousness from behind a picket line, so that her strong mind does not disembowell my meager voice.

Jim Selby

The Gateway staff, all of whom are in contact with what goes on around this office, chose Ron Yakimchuk to succeed Bob Beal as Gateway editor. Ron has worked for the paper for seven years. I'd like to know what kind of council can ignore seven years' experience and choose someone who hasn't a clue about this paper.

Any time a group of people who know nothing about the hassles involved in putting out the Gateway can sit down and make an asinine decision like this one, it's time to strike. And GFC can hold meetings in their hermetically sealed council chamber until hell freezes over.

Michelle Quesnel

Okay, folks. They went and did it. Blitek and his lackies have decided that they can't have the Gateway around to criticize their power tripping next year so they've decided to head us off at the impasse. But I've put in too much work on this rag for the past two years; I've stayed up too many nights; I've hassled with too much copy that won't fit; I've put too much into this paper to allow a bunch of hack student politicians to come in and tell me and my colleagues that we don't have enough intelligence to choose our own editor. So this is Your Friendly - but - pissed-off Arts Editor signing off with a plea that you support us in our struggle.

Ross Harvey

All year long the Gateway has been subjected to hassles and indignities by students' council in general and the executive in particular; however, this Valentine's Day outrage takes the cake. I object most strenuously to council's action on two fronts: firstly, Ms. Jackson has no experience whatsoever with Gateway and thus cannot possibly be able to cope with the many problems associated with trying to publish a 12- or 16-page paper twice a week; and secondly and more importantly, it is not council's business to overrule the decision of the Gateway staff as to who should be next year's editor (especially in view of the fact that Ms. Jackson got no support whatsoever from the staff). I refuse to have anything more to do with Gateway until this grave injustice has been corrected and Ron Yakimchuk has been installed as Gateway editor for 1972-73.

Dave McCurdy

You see, people, for me it transcends "freedom of the press", it even transcends "democracy", and has nothing whatever, necessarily, to do with "socialism", though you will no doubt be hearing a lot about those ideas in connection with our action in the next little while. For me the terms that fit are more like "existentialism" (for those of you who know what I mean by that) or "humanism". I despair of making you understand, because you haven't lived here and haven't experienced what I have experienced. All I can say is THE GATEWAY is a glorious affirmation of many things nice and beautiful, things that certain powers are apparently attempting to negate. And anyone was, and is, welcome to join our happy little throng - but alas, many have seen fit only to be skeptical. It is a simple case: if someone tries to step on a pretty flower or smash a violin or yell obscenities during a Bach concerto, you, out of your humanity, will try to stand in their way. Thank you and farewell - until the forces of evil are overcome and the sunset of beauty, truth and goodness dawns once again!

Jim Dunlap

The editor of THE GATEWAY should be chosen by the staff of THE GATEWAY because the staff are the most qualified to decide who has the necessary abilities to be editor.

I don't believe that Mz. Jackson has shown the necessary characteristics to be next year's GATEWAY editor. She has not demonstrated possession of those much needed qualities of sympathy and understanding so needed to work with a bunch of paranoid staffers who are tired of being told what a lousy job they are doing and who would rather have someone come and help them. (But then she said she wouldn't want to work with us anyhow. So much for the old university saying of get involved with the group of your choice, but GET involved.)

I also object to someone coming in from the outside to "show" us "how" a paper should be put together. I admit that THE GATEWAY has not been perfect. But if Mz. Jackson would have come down from her high horse and would have given us the benefit of her many years of experience with newspapers, maybe THE GATEWAY would have been a better paper this year. However, then she would not have been able to impress personnel board on how THE GATEWAY could be magically transformed into a better paper, and she would not have been named the new editor.

Henri R. Pallard

I'm striking because a "student" council motivated solely by their own interests have chosen to set up a puppet editor, being unable to face the contingency of honest publicity. Also because I like to strike.

Ken Brown
The Village Idiot

The announcement that the Students' Union executive saw fit to ignore the considered choice of the GATEWAY staff regarding next year's editor came as a shock to reason. After the visceral impact of the outrage had subsided, I gasped to think that our S.U. executive had stooped as low as to select their own editorial machine over Ron Yakimchuk. I can only hope this piss-off is immediately dealt with.

Dave Bird

This may be the last thing I write for the Gateway. I have enjoyed the time spent working on this newspaper. This paper has a long history of being one of the best student newspapers in the country. I am proud to have worked on it. It has been a great experience and I will miss it. I am going to miss the constant in acquiring students work on the paper. I am going to miss the few months or a year, but for the sake of the paper I will miss it all.

I came to the Gateway on half a year ago. I had had wide experience with other media, and I soon joined the Gateway staff, to write longer, more serious stories. I had had wide experience with other media, and I soon joined the Gateway staff, to write longer, more serious stories.

At about this time last year, the Gateway staff elected their choice for editor. After some discussion, the staff elected the S. U. executive as editor.

I don't know why the Gateway staff elected them. They wanted "new blood" in the paper. Perhaps some of my innovative, though controversial, operation of this paper would work. I elected me.

We started this year facing a series of problems. Many of our staff left the paper. As well, we were faced with the imposition of a new production system which played with our first couple of months.

However, we found our new staff. We found a group of students who were willing to do the hard work, turned into competent production workers. As well, the Students' Union approved our production system.

We made many mistakes this year. We provided too much information as we would like. Some of our mistakes were glaring, stupid mistakes. However, we learned from each of this year's Gateway staff.

We felt we were working towards a more responsible, comprehensive student newspaper.

But tonight our publishers acted repudiously. They don't want us any more. They don't care we've done trying to make this a better paper. They don't care about the money we've saved (our own of theirs) or about the possibilities created.

These people don't want us because we are not their duty to criticize them—to attempt to present what they were doing.

I used to think it was possible that the Students' Council at this university might agree with us, they would at least show concern for what we were trying to do.

I learned too late that this staff council executive of this council are concerned.

During our earlier dispute (see issue) I pleaded with the council to come and examine what we were doing, and to make a decision. Only four of the councillors—Howard Christensen, Wendy Yurchuk, Slatter—bothered to accept the invitation.

Ron Yakimchuk, not Terri, is the new editor of the Gateway.

Ron is the new editor because he was chosen by a volunteer student staff which is the only group who are only interested in their careers about creating a free, responsible newspaper.

Students' Council tonight told off the staff whom they have never even met or who are worthless. They neglected our view of the workers. Council believes it is up to them, the so-called elected representatives, to work. They keep trying to tell this to the Students' Union programs.

If council succeeds in staffing the paper with a particular group of people, it will be the first time the Executive has placed puppets in position. The last if the present Executive members are re-elected.

Council's choice for editor, Jackson, to staff she thought I "had" potential. I was reluctant to acknowledge this content from could not remember anything I had written or judgement could be based on those of competence I have no way of judging. I council a list of publications upon which she worked. Neither Students' Council nor myself anything she has written apart from my to The

I was looking forward to writing the new editor, Yakimchuk, whom I had sup- ratified since he is obviously qualified to compet- to say he is the only Gateway staff who has been as long as Harvey G. Thomgirt, the new editor of Gateway's production, that he was by person- and that his liberal politics could be set to the

I guess Students' Council and Blitek, wisdom, are not going to let me write the story. The students, whom this paper has been supporting us in our fight against oppression, unfortunately elected last year.

Bob Beal

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Ron Yakimchuk,
Editor Elect,
The Gateway,

Ron,
I herewith resign from the staff of the Gateway. Although I have no grievance against you, and would continue to work with you as editor in the next year, I can not work under Terri Jackson, as she indicated in the interview I had with her that she is neither competent as an editor, not tolerant in her relations with those under her.

I will return to the staff when the wishes of the staff as reflected in our vote last week are respected by the Biltek clique. K. Orchard

Commontree Nostalgia

The young man's eyes were fiery and glowing,
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We'll rise, he cried,
The movement is growing,
We'll march on a road of bones.

No more the hunted,
No more the mouse,
No more the cowering prey.
The masters are driving
the slaves from the house.
The masters are coming to stay

Thanks to Tom Paxton
Don Fleming

The Americans are a fine people. So!—it is no accident that the United States of America has become well known all around the world. It's the people; they have made the country great—the aggressive confident, knowledgeable people who have braved the faraway places—like Viet Nam, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia and who are now working to make Canada great. The members of the personnel board have shown us that they are a fine people; the best of a young generation that has produced —God knows—too many dopers, preverts, and socialists. In their hands, the future of Canada is safely vested. They are fine judges of character, seeing in Ms. Jackson the qualities of leadership, plus the genuine concern necessary if she is to lift the *Gateway* and this University out of the quagmire of backwardness and ineptitude and establish it along the lines of those papers in the great colleges across the border. They were wise enough, perspicacious enough to see through the narrow-mindedness, the provincialism of an ignorant Gateway Staff, who were too stupid to give Ms. Jackson even one vote (out of 43). Let nobody ever again call them sandbox politicians! Some of my colleagues on the Gateway are angry enough to resign—not me! I look forward to working with Ms. Jackson next year. I hope she enjoys my company.

Winston Gereluk.

I want to go on record as congratulating Mrs. Michael Jackson on her appointment. She wants to get rid of you incompetent Gateway staff because she doesn't like you. And Rightly So! As a member of the oppressed Canadian populace, I welcome the American liberatorslike Mr. and Mrs. Jackson (remember the Poli Sci/Meekison affair?). When the time comes for your Marines to line up these uncivilized provincial Canadians against the wall, PLEASE REMEMBER, Mrs. Jackson: I AM ON YOUR SIDE.

Doug Mustard
Grad Studies

I don't mind not getting the position of Gateway editor but I do mind losing the job to a person who is unqualified, who wants to put out a paper "with a group of her friends", who has never shown any interest in this paper before this month, and who is an American citizen with no intentions of becoming a Canadian.

I do object to council making a judgement on my qualifications as related to it by a third party.

I do object to natural justice being diverted when council ignored totally the overwhelming support the staff of this paper gave me.

I do object to being rejected on political grounds in favour of a person of whom the council knew NOTHING.

1. The editor designate came to this country about three years ago. During this time she was repeatedly asked by Gateway staffer Sid Stephen to contribute to the Gateway, since she CLAIMED to be eminently qualified in the area of journalism; but refused.

2. She stated at the screening session which the Gateway held (open to the public) that she would not tolerate any staff members who held points of view contrary to her own.

3. At the same screening session she stated she knew some people who agreed with her point of view and would be willing to work with her. (Is this representative of the campus?)

4. The "qualifications" she claims to have were all gained in the United States. Some are from highschool experience, some from assembling a Teen section for a daily newspaper.

5. As an American citizen, she cannot critically analyze Canadian history, or comment honestly on American affairs.

6. Students' council discussed the appointment in closed session, which I can appreciate. But they discussed the candidates' qualifications without consulting the candidates. Instead, they used a written list of qualifications which had been solicited from the candidates without the candidates knowing to what use these would be put. Council did not speak to the candidates personally.

7. The editor-designate is a personal friend of Vera Radio, Students' Union secretary and member of the personnel board.

8. The Gateway staff cast all their ballots for their nominees, after hearing all the candidates in an open sission.

9. The Students' Union executive was upset that The Gateway criticized various of their proposals and rejected The Gateway's choice to get back at the paper.

I will also add that I am tired of playing the political games the executive has forced on us. The Gateway should be dedicated to delivering information to the student body, not to carrying on vendettas within us.

Ronald Yakimchuk

Dear Bob,

Just a brief note to express our concern over the present situation that exists with The Gateway. We would also like at this time to express our complete support for your struggle to regain the democratic structure which had become a tradition with The Gateway. Vive le Roi Soleil!!

peace,
David Ragosin
Donald Spence
Co-directors, Students' Union Television

In view of the many impossible and frivolous hassles that the Gateway has been having lately, I (IBM MT72, Composer), do herewith and forever divorce myself from the Gateway newspaper and its sophomoric staff. As a loyal product and subject of the greatest corporation in the world dedicated to the ideals of imperialism and establishment, I have no other choice, although to be fair I really never had any other opinion of the inept idiots that have assaulted my memory cores for months. From now on the stupid kids can try using letraset or some other form of children's toy because I have had it with the whole radical degenerate, immoral, atheistic, submoronic troglodytes.

IBM MT72

I have worked on The Gateway for three years: since September as news editor I have done my best to help put out what we consider a "relevant newspaper" that is attempting to examine and question the basic contradictions in our society. All this though has been done with the background of considerable friction between the Gateway staff and the Students' Union executive.

But tonight I am going on strike. I will return only when Students' Council replaces the "puppet editor" which Personnel Board selected with the Gateway's choice, Ron Yakimchuk.

This year the Gateway did some good things, some bad things, and some mediocre things; but for every issue that we put out we sincerely believed in what we were trying to say.

Bob Beal and I both wrote editorials which various executive members at various times were unhappy with, to say the least. But it seems inconceivable that McKenzie, Biltek, and Co. would dare to stoop to such low politicking so shortly before the election. But perhaps I should not be so surprised by this latest move.

The Gateway editor was chosen well before the candidates ever stepped into the Gateway office for the screening session. The executive obviously did not want an editor -- they wanted a mouthpiece -- fortunately or unfortunately they found it in the person of Ms. Terri Jackson.

Elsie Ross
News Editor

Students:

This may be considered an explanation of why I did not support the Personnel Board recommendation that Terri Jackson be editor of the Gateway for the coming year rather than the recommendation of the staff of the Gateway. The Gateway staff is made up of volunteer students who put out the paper for you, the students of this campus. Although I, like many of you, do not always agree with the editorial and news content of the Gateway, I feel the wishes of the people who provide this service should be respected. In appointing a person who in several years on campus has not seen fit to contribute anything to the paper there has been a flagrant disregard, for the people who spend many hours of their time putting out the Gateway.

If you feel the Gateway can be improved I am sure you would find yourself welcome at the Gateway offices. In the present elections I urge you to consider your choice of candidates before voting and I am sure you will feel, as I do, that there can be an improvement over the executive which has held office in the past year. There are viable alternatives who do not support this type of railroading and they can use your support.

Howard Christensen
Engineering Rep.
on Students' Council

I have worked on the Gateway for three years. In that time I have seen what it takes to make a Gateway editor. It takes hours of time and devotion to the paper; it takes the ability to do the scut work along with your fellow staffers; it takes days of endless worry and headaches; it takes a feeling of community involvement (after all, this is a community newspaper); it takes intelligence and a lot of physical abuse. It takes all this and much more to make a Gateway editor. If Ms. Jackson thinks that she has all of these qualifications, then why wasn't she up here three years ago? Why does she want to start from the top? And if she cares so much about her appointment to the editorship of The Gateway, why wasn't she at the council meeting that put her into this position? Somehow, I don't really think she cares all that much about it. Well, she may not care about it, but I do. As long as Ms. Jackson and her cohorts reign supreme on MY newspaper, I refuse to help her. I support my fellow staffers in their strike and I sincerely hope that council revokes their decision before it is too late.

Beth Nilsen

The Students' Union Executive has called for new blood in the Gateway. I call for new blood on the Executive. Let's not re-elect the idiots who have done nothing for YOU all year. We have two good possibilities: McRae or Riskin. Make next year's Executive work for you.

Wendy Yurchuk
Education Rep.
on Students' Council

The reality is that Gateway is a necessity. Any student function can not possibly hope to succeed without the communication Gateway does provide. There is nothing to be gained for the students by antagonizing the Gateway staff as Students' Council has done. We believe that when Council approved over 2:1 Personnel Board's recommendation for Gateway Editor in Chief they took the same kind of extreme, unreasonable action they believe Gateway is guilty of. There are more beneficial proposals for Gateway that would definitely have enabled the desired goals to be achieved. They have ignored these possibilities in their haste to claim success in ensuring "responsible Gateway reporting". Consequently they have acted in an intolerably arrogant fashion.

Yours Truly
Ann McRae.

Dear Editor,

As director of CKSR, I am in full support of the Gateway's strike until an investigation of the editorship question is carried out by some neutral group. I feel that there are many undercurrents in the matter which should be fully investigated before a final decision is reached on the editorship of the paper. For one thing I feel that because the editorship was advertised as a paid position, any applicant who has never been on the staff of that paper ought to question her motives very closely. I also find it strange for the personnel board to recommend a candidate who had absolutely no support from the staff of the paper in their election of editor. I find it even stranger that council would ratify such a recommendation by such a large majority.

It is obvious that there has been animosity between council and Gateway over the past eight months, perhaps justified, perhaps not. These things are irrelevant now. The main thing now is to make sure that freedom of the press is protected, and to this end I believe an investigation is fully justified. Council should publish full justification of the matter proving that they are operating in the best interests of the students.

Any councillor or executive member who so desires may make a public announcement on Radio as to why this decision was reached, and any member of Gateway staff may make a statement as to why council made the wrong decision.

CKSR's services are available to any person wishing to make a public statement on the matter, and our services for the next few days will be devoted to coverage of this issue and the upcoming Student's Union elections next Friday.

Yours truly,
R. McLeish
Director, CKSR

The Making of an Editor, 1972
(Biltek et al., Edmonton, 1972)
price: thirty pieces of silver

Well, I had a book review all ready for this issue, and it was a fairly interesting one, I think. I understand that council's choice for a mouthpiece stated at the screening session the other day that one of the few things she like about the present Gateway was my reviews, so maybe even she will be sorry to see that I cannot let this one run.

Speaking of Ms. Jackson . . . I remember sitting next to her in a Geology 205 course in 1969 and mentioning that I was News Editor for Gateway, and she told me that she had worked for newspapers in the U.S. of A. At that time, and several times since then, I asked her why she didn't come over and lend a hand, since we have always had trouble getting experienced staff. She never had time, it seemed, while she was doing her make-up year so she could start her M.A.

Funny thing, is, I always thought an MA candidate had a hell of a lot more to do than a make-up year student, but somehow she seems to have found time now to step in at the top, without coming up through the ranks.

Well, yesterday Ryerson press sold out to the States, today the Student's Union and who knows, pretty soon it may be Governor Lougheed. If this strikes you as a short review, it's because I really didn't like the book much.

sid stephen

CKSR is airing
interviews with the
Students' Union
Presidential candidates at
the following times:

Tonight:
7 p.m. — Ann McRae
8:30 p.m. — Dave Biltek

Wednesday:
7 p.m. — Mark Priegart
8:30 p.m. — Jerry Riskin

Thursday:
7 p.m. — Silly Slate

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Tory, Engineering, SUB and
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